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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of candor under 37 CFR §1.56 and in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant is not aware of any material prior art but, in an abundance of caution and candor, Applicant submits the present Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

Also enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement is an International Search Report dated November 7, 2000 which issued in the corresponding New Zealand application number PCT/NZ00/00156 and from which these references first became known. Applicant states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in this European Search Report dated November 7, 2000 from the New Zealand Patent Office in the counterpart New Zealand patent application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits and constitutes a bona fide attempt to comply with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

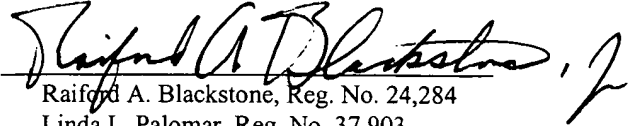
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